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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An analytical testing element supplying device comprising:
a container for containing a plurality of analytical testing elements; and
a movable body formed with [[a]]an elongated recess for accommodating one of the analytical testing elements contained in the container; the movable body being moved relative to the container with one analytical testing element accommodated in the recess, so that the analytical testing elements, one at a time, are taken out of the container,
wherein the container is provided with a horizontally extending plate that interferes with loose analytical testing elements above a secured testing element accommodated in the recess when the movable body moves relative to the container,
wherein the horizontally extending plate includes an interference surface for interfering with the loose testing elements, the interference surface having a portion non-parallel to a longitudinal direction of the recess,
wherein when the secured testing element is warped and partly protrudes from the recess, a portion of the horizontally extending plate that is adjacent to the interference surface comes into contact with the secured testing element for flattening the secured testing element into the recess when the movable body moves relative to the container.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The analytical testing element supplying device according to claim 1, wherein the recess is elongated in a direction perpendicular to a transfer direction of the analytical testing elements;
wherein the horizontally extending plate includes an interference surface for interfering with the loose testing elements, the interference surface having a portion non-parallel to the elongated recess.

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5. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing element supplying device according to claim 4, wherein the interference surface includes a linear portion inclined to the elongated recess or a curved portion.

6. (Previously Presented) An analytical testing element supplying device comprising:

a container for containing a plurality of analytical testing elements; and
a movable body formed with a recess for accommodating one of the testing elements contained in the container; the movable body being moved relative to the container with one testing element accommodated in the recess, so that the testing elements, one at a time, are taken out of the container;

wherein the container is provided with a plurality of interference portions that interfere with loose testing elements above a secured testing element accommodated in the recess when the movable body moves relative to the container, the interference portions projecting in a direction intersecting a vertical direction

wherein when the secured testing element is warped and partly protrudes from the recess, the interference portions come into contact with the secured testing element for flattening the secured testing element into the recess when the movable body moves relative to the container.

7. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing element supplying device according to claim 6, wherein at least a part of the plurality of interference portions project by different distances.

8. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing element supplying device according to claim 6, wherein the recess is elongated in a direction perpendicular to the transfer direction of the analytical testing elements,

wherein at least a part of the plurality of interference portions are arranged so that the shortest distances between tip ends of the interference portions and the recess are different from each other.

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9. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing element supplying device according to claim 8, wherein the part of the plurality of interference portions are arranged in a straight line or a substantially straight line inclined relative to the elongated recess, or in a curve or a substantially curved line.
10. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing element supplying device according to claim 6, wherein the plurality of interference portions are provided by forming a plurality of cutouts in a horizontally extending plate.
11. (Canceled)
12. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing element supplying device according to claim 6, wherein the plurality of interference portions are provided by a plurality of fixed pins.
13. (Previously Presented) An analytical testing element supplying comprising:
a container for containing a plurality of analytical testing elements and a movable body formed with a recess for accommodating one of the testing elements contained in the container; the movable body being moved relative to the container with one testing element accommodated in the recess, so that the testing elements, one at a time, are taken out of the container;
wherein the container is provided with interfering means that interfere with loose testing elements above a secured testing element in the recess when the movable body moves relative to the container;
wherein when the secured testing element is warped and partly protrudes from the recess, the interfering means come into contact with the secured testing element for flattening the secured testing element into the recess when the movable body moves relative to the container,
wherein the recess is elongated in a direction perpendicular to a transfer direction of the analytical testing elements,

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wherein the interfering means are provided with a plurality of pins projecting downward,

wherein at least a part of the plurality of pins are arranged so the shortest distance between tip ends of the pins and the recess are different from each other.

14. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing element supplying device according to claim 13, wherein the part of the plurality of pins are arranged in a straight or substantially straight line inclined relative to the elongated recess, or in a curve or substantially curved line.

15. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing element supplying device according to claim 1, wherein the movable body moves horizontally to take the secured analytical testing element out of the container.

16. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing element supplying device according to claim 1, wherein the movable body rotates to take the secured analytical testing element out of the container.

17. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing element supplying device according to claim 6, wherein the movable body moves horizontally to take the secured testing element out of the container.

18. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing element supplying device according to claim 6, wherein the movable body rotates to take the secured testing element out of the container.

19. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing element supplying device according to claim 13, wherein the movable body moves horizontally to take the secured testing element out of the container.

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20. (Previously Presented) The analytical testing element supplying device according to claim 13, wherein the movable body rotates to take the secured testing element out of the container.